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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/888,336	DVORAK ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	BETH VAN DOREN	3623	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ms. Beth Van Doren (PTO Personnel). (3) _____.

(2) Mr. Ernest Beffel (Applicant's Representative). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 14 March 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 36.

Identification of prior art discussed: Garg (US 6044357).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Beffel and Ms. Van Doren discussed claim 36 in terms of what Mr. Beffel felt was the novelty of the application and what Garg lacked. Examiner suggested more clearly relating the elements of the claim to show what specifically is occurring with respect to the inventory and the budget. Examiner awaits action by applicant.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Beth Van Doren/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3623

Examiner's signature, if required

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